



What is a Mezuzah?

The Mezuzah is a prayer scroll. The text includes the most important Jewish prayer, the Shema, and two additional paragraphs from the Torah. The Mitzvah of placing the Mezuzah is derived from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 "inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates". You can find the translated text below. At Artazia we sell the case that is used to protect the Mezuzah scroll and make it possible to attach it to the doorpost. We also sell Kosher Mezuzah parchments imported from Israel. Traditionally Mezuzahs should be placed on every doorpost in a house except for bathrooms. A traditional, kosher scroll must be handwritten, without any mistakes, on parchment by a professional scribe.

The Shema:

"Shema Yisrael ADONAI Eloheinu, ADONAI echad"; "Hear, O Israel! ADONAI is our God, ADONAI is One".

"You shall love ADONAI your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign upon your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead; inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates". (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

"If, then you obey the commandments that I enjoin upon you this day, loving ADONAI your God and serving God with all your heart and soul, I will grant the rain for your land in season, the

early rain and the late. You shall gather in your new grain and wine and oil I will also provide grass in the fields for your cattle and thus you shall eat your fill. Take care not to be lured away to serve other gods and bow to them. For ADONAI's anger will flare up against you, and ADONAI will shut up the skies so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its produce; and you will soon perish from the good and that ADONAI is giving you. Therefore impress these my words upon your very heart; bind them as a sign upon your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead, and teach them to your children reciting them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up; and inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates to the end that you and your children may endure, in the land that ADONAI swore to your ancestors to give to them, as long as there is a heaven over the earth". (Deuteronomy 11:13-21)

Mounting instructions:

Open one of the rubber stoppers and remove the mounting nails or screws from inside the tube. Tightly roll the Mezuzah scroll and place inside the tube (If it's a Kosher scroll, you might need to remove all or some of the plastic wrap). Close the tube with the rubber stopper. The Mezuzah case should be hung on the right side of a doorpost as you enter. Mount approximately one third of the distance from the top of the doorpost. If there is room, tilt the top toward the inside of the house. It should be firmly attached using the nails or screws supplied inside the tube. Plumbers' epoxy or double sided sticky foam (not supplied) can also be used; however, follow instructions and use no more than pea size portions of epoxy.